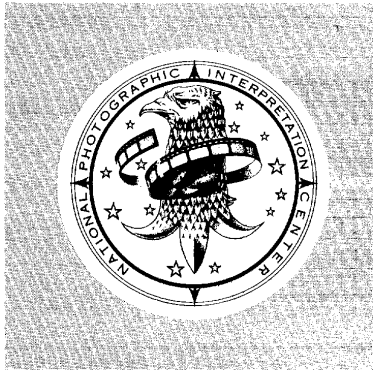


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DAT THIT ARTILLERY BARRACKS AREA
NORTH VIETNAM

ABSTRACT

1. Dat Thit Artillery Barracks Area was newly identified on photography of [REDACTED]. The installation is in the northern panhandle area of North Vietnam. The barracks area can probably house a regiment-sized unit. Twenty-two field artillery pieces were observed, and a limited number of additional artillery pieces probably could be stored in small equipment sheds. The barracks area is comprised of small company-sized barracks and support areas that are situated separately throughout the installation.

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2. This report contains a description of the installation by component areas, an overall photograph of the installation, and three photographs of individual artillery barracks and storage areas.

INTRODUCTION

3. Dat Thit Artillery Barracks Area [REDACTED] was newly identified on GIANT SCALE photography of [REDACTED]. The installation is 36 nautical miles (nm) north of Vinh, North Vietnam, near the village of Dat Thit at 19-15°N 105-35°E. It covers a 2- by 1-nautical mile area and consists of 17 separate component areas.

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4. The component areas include seven company-sized artillery barracks and storage areas and ten barracks and support areas. The ten barracks and support areas include six barracks areas, one barracks and administration area, one probable housing area, one barracks and vehicle storage/maintenance area, and an ammunition storage area. The installation probably can house a North Vietnamese regiment-sized unit. Two field artillery battalions were also identified on photography of [REDACTED]. Installations of this size—built specifically to house or train large military units—were uncommon during the period of aerial bombing over North Vietnam.

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5. Each of the seven company-sized artillery barracks and storage areas is located in a separate part of the installation. Each area contains similar types of buildings, normally including five-to-six barracks, several administration or support buildings, one possible messhall, and two vehicle/equipment storage sheds (Figure 1). In five of the seven company-sized areas, a battery of four field guns was parked on hardstands adjacent to the barracks area. Two field artillery pieces were identified at another company area. At three of these artillery barracks a single revetted artillery training position was observed.

6. Buildings in the installation are of semipermanent construction; they are built of wood and thatch, similar to indigenous dwellings in the adjacent areas. The pattern of construction and building layout, however, is more uniform and planned than in civilian communities.

BASIC DESCRIPTION

Component Areas

7. Each of the 17 component areas of the barracks area is described below.

Area A: Artillery Barracks and Storage Area [REDACTED]

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8. Facilities include six barracks, one possible administration/support building, one possible messhall, two vehicle/equipment storage sheds, an artillery hardstand, and one revetted field artillery training position. Equipment includes four pieces of field artillery parked on the artillery hardstand and partially covered with tentlike covers (Figure 2).

Area B: Artillery Barracks and Storage Area [REDACTED]

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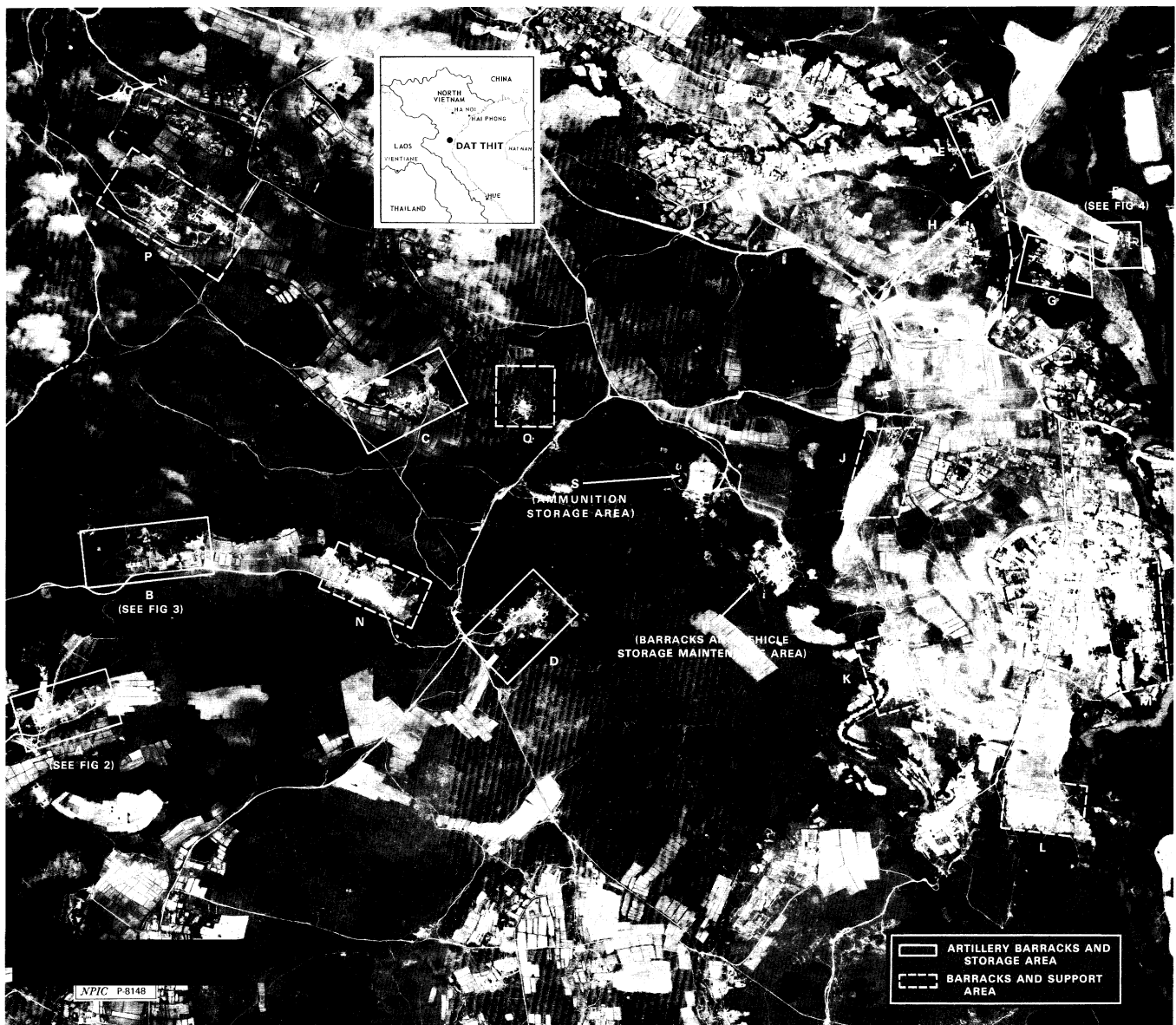


FIGURE 1. DAT THIT ARTILLERY BARRACKS AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

9. Facilities include six barracks, one possible administration/support building, one possible messhall, two vehicle/equipment storage sheds, an artillery hardstand, and one revetted field artillery training position. Equipment includes four field artillery pieces parked on the artillery hardstand and partially covered with canvas or thatch coverings (Figure 3).

Area C: Artillery Barracks and Storage Area

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10. Facilities include five barracks, one possible administration/support building, one possible messhall, two small (single-piece) artillery storage sheds, three small vehicle/equipment storage sheds, and a possible weapons training grid. Equipment include two field artillery pieces (barrels protruding from artillery storage sheds).

Area D: Artillery Barracks and Storage Area

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11. Facilities include six barracks, one possible administration/support building, one possible messhall, two small vehicle/equipment storage sheds, an artillery hardstand, and one revetted artillery training position. Equipment includes four canvas-covered field pieces parked on the artillery hardstand.

Area E: Artillery Barracks and Storage Area

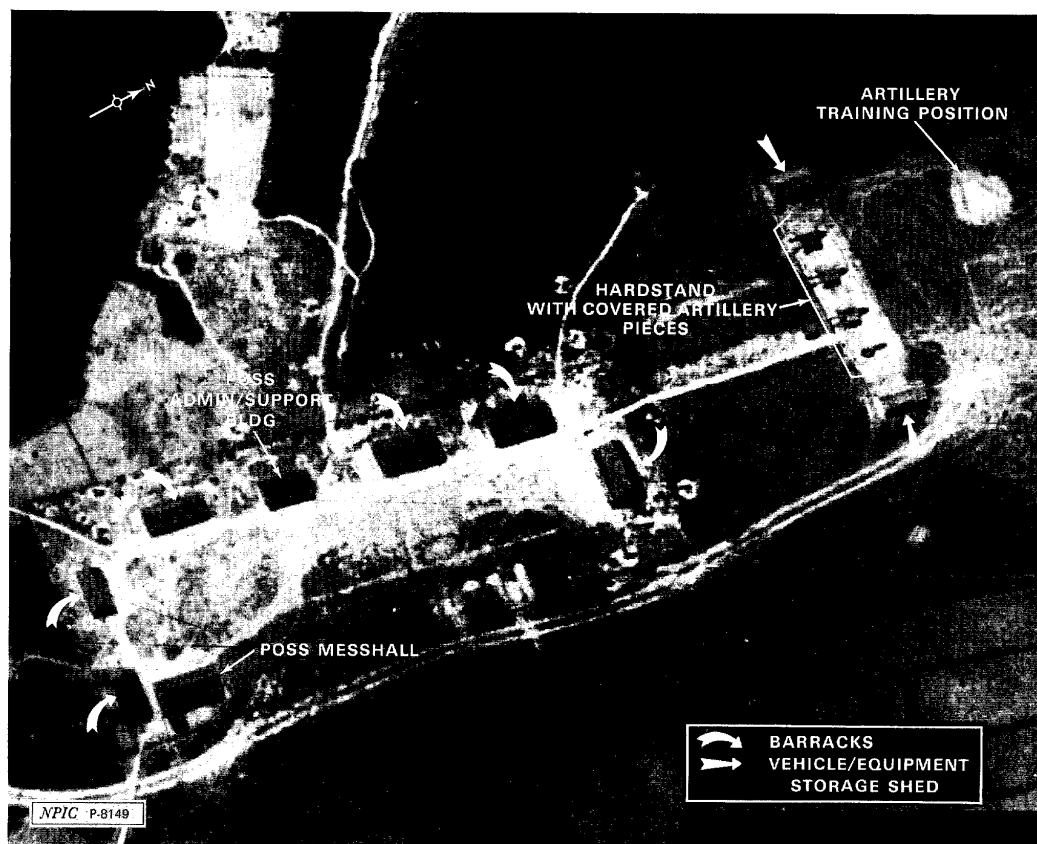
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12. Facilities include six barracks, two support buildings, three small vehicle/equipment storage sheds, and an artillery hardstand. Equipment includes four field artillery pieces parked on the artillery hardstand and partially covered with small tentlike coverings.

Area F: Artillery Barracks and Storage Area

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13. Facilities include four barracks, one possible administration/support building, two small vehicle/equipment storage sheds, one possible messhall, and an artillery hardstand. Equipment includes four field artillery pieces parked on the artillery hardstand and partially covered by tentlike covers and one ATS tracked prime mover adjacent to the vehicle/equipment sheds (Figure 4).



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FIGURE 2. ARTILLERY BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA (AREA A)

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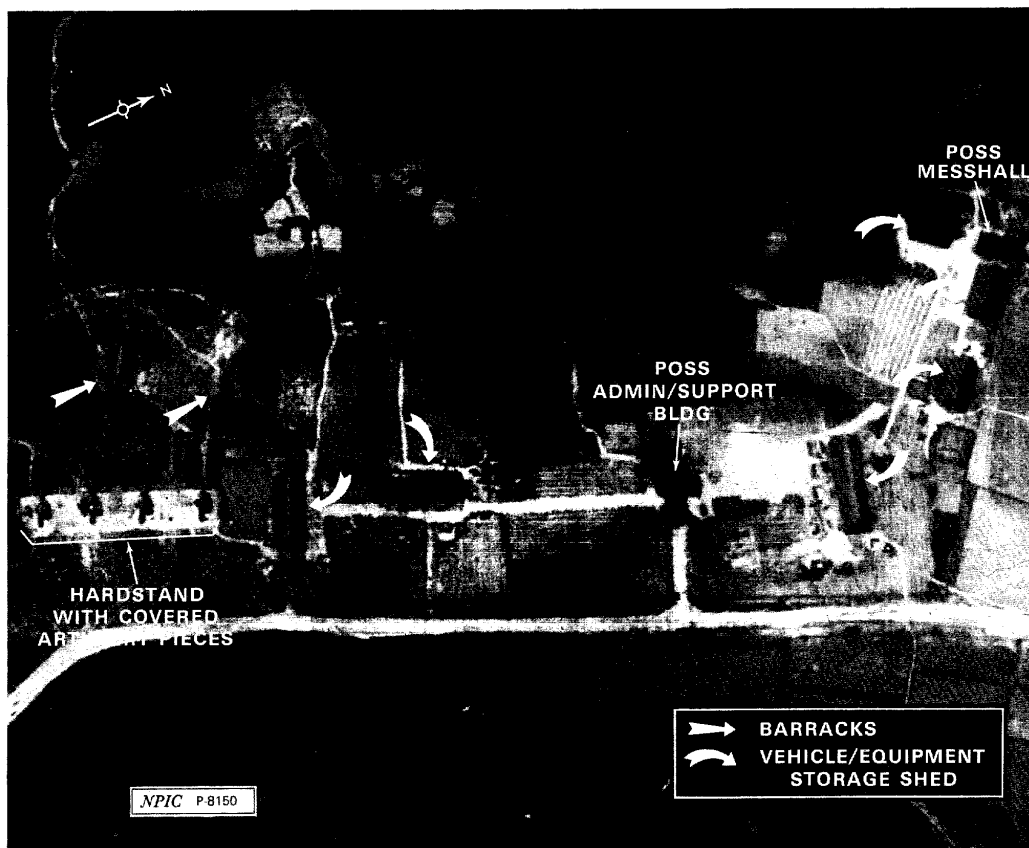


FIGURE 3. ARTILLERY BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA (AREA B)

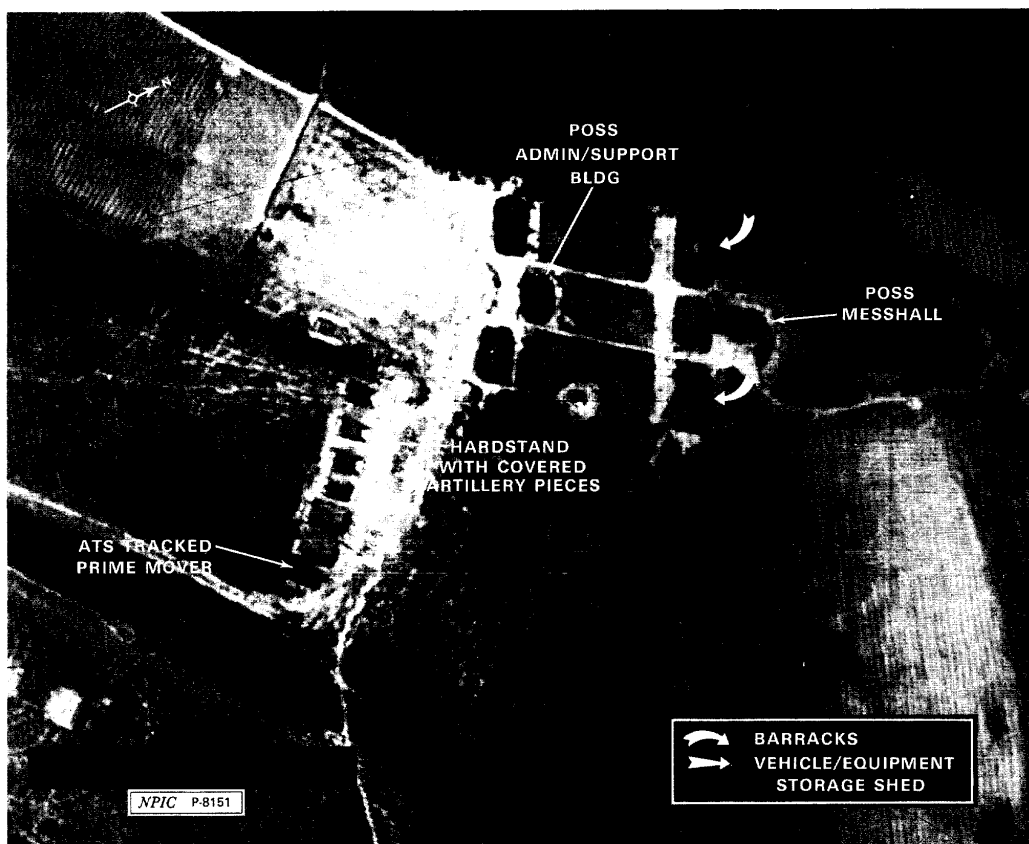


FIGURE 4. ARTILLERY BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA (AREA F)

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Area G: Artillery Barracks and Storage Area [REDACTED] 25X1D

14. Facilities include six barracks, one possible messhall, one small equipment/storage shed, and four individual artillery hardstands.

Area H: Barracks Area [REDACTED] 25X1D

15. Facilities include six barracks, one administration/support building, four support buildings, one possible messhall, and a four-position revetted artillery training site.

Area J: Barracks and Administration Area [REDACTED] 25X1D

16. Facilities include 14 small barracks or administration buildings, five support buildings, three single-story frame buildings in early-to-midstage of construction, and the foundations for two small buildings.

Area K: Barracks Area [REDACTED] 25X1D

17. Facilities include eight barracks, one possible messhall, and a possible weapons training grid.

Area L: Barracks Area [REDACTED] 25X1D

18. Facilities include five barracks, three support buildings, and a possible messhall.

Area M: Probable Housing Area [REDACTED] 25X1D

19. Facilities include 23 housing units, three possible administration/support buildings, one possible auditorium, one possible messhall, and a possible weather station.

Area N: Barracks Area [REDACTED] 25X1D

20. Facilities include nine probable barracks and one possible administration/support building.

Area P: Barracks Area [REDACTED] 25X1D

21. Facilities include 13 barracks, three possible messhalls, one possible administration/support building, and one three-bay vehicle storage shed.

Area Q: Barracks Area [REDACTED] 25X1D

22. Facilities include four barracks, one possible administration/support building, one possible messhall, two vehicle/equipment sheds, and a four-bay vehicle storage shed.

Area R: Barracks and Vehicle Storage/Maintenance Area [REDACTED] 25X1D

23. Facilities include 11 barracks, one probable vehicle maintenance building, and a vehicle parking area. Equipment includes 14 trucks in the vehicle parking area.

Area S: Ammunition Storage Area [REDACTED] 25X1D

24. Facilities include three dispersed, fenced ammunition storage buildings, three small possible ammunition storage bunkers, and three support buildings.

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